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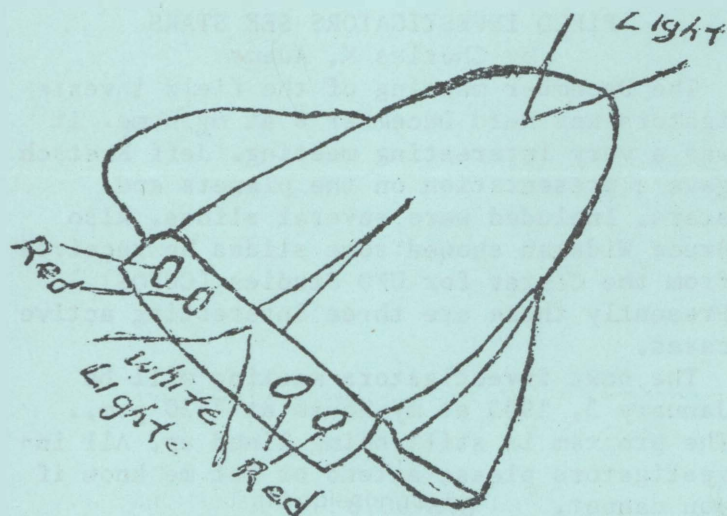
## THE UFO



## ENIGMA

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drawn by Mark Straun 26 April, 1982

ST. CHARLES INVESTIGATION OF WINGED UFO  
Investigators: Larry Mobley/Mike Shannon  
Witnesses: Mark and JoAnne Straun and son Marc.

Date: April 26, 1982

At approximately 10:20 P. M., 23 April 1982, the Strauns were driving home from a shopping trip along Elm Point Road in St. Charles, Mo. when they saw two stacked lights above Monsanto Chemical Company. Mark estimated that their distance from the lights was about 1/2 mile. As the Straun's drove on, the upper light broke away, headed north, and disappeared. The other light dropped in altitude, following the Norfolk and Western Railroad, which for intermittent distances parallels Elm Point Road. At one point where the road and the railway separate, Mark lost sight of the light because of the density of the trees. Immediately at the break in the trees the railway crosses Elm Point Road.

As the Strauns approached this intersection the light crossed in front of their car at approximately 20 feet in altitude. It now was not just a light, but had the shape of an aircraft with several lights. The craft continued to follow the railway headed north-east and disappeared. Mark commented that -- when the craft was at its closest to them -- it made no sound; and that his car window was down and his radio was not on.

During the interview, Mark volunteered most of the details. JoAnne corroborated his story; but did state that she didn't get a good look at the craft because she was frightened and covered her eyes. Their son Marc was too young to interview, but was very excited about what he saw. Mark described the craft as flat with swept back wings. He noted that it had a single white light at the front with four red and two white lights on what appeared to be a white porcelain background on the rear of the craft.

In a follow up on this investigation two weeks later with Mark, about a three mile stretch was observed and several photographs were taken. It was also learned that a short time after the sighting that -- at the intersection of the road and the railway -- a power transformer had to be replaced. The reason for this is unknown as we still need to talk to Railroad officials.

### NEW TIME AND PLACE JANUARY MEETING

For one time only, January 1983, the UFO Study Group will meet at a new place one week later than usual. Because the management of the Farm and Home Savings on Lockwood and Gore (who have so graciously offered us the use of their facilities monthly free) needed the room for their own staff meeting on our usual date, January 9, Leo Wicklinski arranged another meeting place and schedule. PLEASE NOTE IT ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Board Chairman John E. Schroeder will review Andreason Affair II, the continuation of a UFO abductee account which has parapsychological overtones, 2 p.m., Sunday, January 16 at the Farm and Home Savings Association West County Office, 11710 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO.. The building is easy to find. It is located across the street from the Flaming Pit Restaurant, about 3/4 mile East of Interstate 270 or West of Lindbergh on Manchester Road. Besides the featured speech, local sighting reports will be shared and essays from UFO publications will be circulated. Library materials and free Study Group publications will also be available.

The one week delay also pushed back the Executive Board meeting one week. Irene Alexander, President, has called that august group of officers together, 2 p.m., Sunday, January 23 at Clayton Federal Savings and Loan Building located at South Elm and Lockwood Avenue in Webster.

Irene reminds all UFO Study Group members, however, that the February meeting will be held at the usual time and place: 2 p.m., February 13, 1983 at the Farm and Home Savings Building, 110 West Lockwood (Lockwood at Gore Street) in Webster Groves, MO. "We promise you an interesting meeting and more opportunities to get involved in the study of UFO's, so you-all-come."

### DR. PACELLI BRION TELLS BIZARRE TALES by Viola Echele

A dozen enthusiastic ESP buffs attended the Parapsychology committee meeting at 7:30 p.m., December 1 at Key Productions' office. Chairperson Vi introduced another sensory a-



wareness test which helped each person determine his ability to relate to his immediate environment with eyes closed.

Dr. Pacelli Brion introduced his beautiful wife Noemi. Then he gave biographical information about a friend Theresa whose relatives reject her psychic ability. Even when she was moved to drive more than 50 miles to "rescue a sick friend", actually found him close to death in a diabetic reaction and took him to a hospital where first aid restored him to health, her husband put her down.

In another case both she and her children saw and separately communicated with a ghostly figure. Similarly the two boys at six and eight depicted themselves as having died in a car accident when they were 15 and 16. Coincidentally, a patient of Dr. Brion killed a couple of teenagers in a freak auto accident at the time Theresa's children sang their "Song of the Dead Teenagers". Dr. Brion asks, "Is this possibly instant reincarnation?"

Don Haskins shared a promotional blurb on Charles Hickson's new book, UFO Contact at Pascagoula. Don Quiel will write how this book can be obtained in the Enigma issue which will print a review.

In the next meeting, Wednesday, January 5, 1983 at Key's office, 3803½ South Kingshighway. John Schroeder will discuss "PSI In Police Cases."

#### EVERYONE GAINS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY by Eleanor Schroeder

More than 50 UFO Study Group members, their families and friends fattened up on delicious Christmas treats at the annual party, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, December 12th. UFO parodies of Christmas carols opened the program with community singing. Next the hungry people broke for refreshments brought for sharing. A fine feast was had by all.

Bruce Widaman presented a CUFOS slide show UFOs/IFOs by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois.

Those attending appreciated the gift exchange where they received such stocking stuffers as antennaed laser flashlights, make-up mirrors, humorous cocktail napkins, small candle and plastic holders, and Santa Christmas pins.

Finally, a slide-film on "Close Encounters" purchased by Marjorie Sherrill and others, was presented to an interested audience, several members cooperated to decorate the hall beautifully.

Thanks to all who helped make our annual Christmas party a fulfilling fellowship and informational event.

#### INVESTIGATORS DISCUSS PENDING CASES by Viola Echele

U. F. O. Investigators met Monday, Nov. 1, 1982, with seven in attendance at the home of "Chuck" Adams. Marjorie Sherrill and "Chuck" Adams discussed the Ditmer Case and some other sightings.

"Chuck" Adams told of a ten year old sighting he and Barbara Becker investigated. The object, seen above Watson Road, moved swiftly toward Hampton Village about 9:30 P. M.. The primary object was bluish in col-

or, - three lights came together. Then each went in a different direction. Afterward a helicopter was seen in the same area.

Bob Murphy discussed the phenomena of indoor UFO's - globes of light darting inside dark, closed rooms. Bob Murphy and Leo Wicklinski discussed a case to be investigated further. Chuck Adams and Mike Shannon set criteria for processing cases. Rules for investigation may sometime be printed in the Enigma as an educational series.

#### FIELD INVESTIGATORS SEE STARS by Charles K. Adams

The December meeting of the field investigators was held December 6 at my home. It was a very interesting meeting. Jeff Kretsch gave a presentation on the planets and stars. Included were several slides. Also Bruce Widaman showed some slides he received from the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). Presently there are three interesting active cases.

The next investigators meeting will be January 3, 1983 at my house at 7:30 p.m.. The program is still being lined up. All investigators please attend or let me know if you cannot. 878-9078

THE GREAT AIRSHIP MYSTERY: A UFO OF THE 1890s. by Daniel Cohen. Dodd, Mead & Company, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016. 1981, 212 pages, illus., bibliog., index. \$9.95

Reviewed by David A. Schroth

In the closing years of the nineteenth century many Americans saw, or said they saw, strange objects in the sky. (See The UFO Enigma, December 1980, page 2, and Omni, June 1981, page 44.) The Great Airship Mystery is the first book-length study of those eyewitness reports.

Science writer Daniel Cohen reviews "airship" sightings from California to Missouri, including stories of "close encounters" with landed airships and their occupants. One such report from Texas implicates two New England professors -- not extraterrestrial aliens -- as the brains behind at least one mysterious airship.

The state of aeronautical knowledge in the 1890s is discussed, as are hoaxes (of which there was no shortage), alleged photographs of the airship, and the influence of science fiction on public interest in aviation.

Mr. Cohen finds that the airship mystery was largely if not entirely a social and newspaper phenomenon. Tall tales flourished amid the excitement over airships; two examples are the LeRoy, Kansas, "kidnapped calf" and the Aurora, Texas, "crashed airship", both of which are covered here at length. Some airship stories may even have been launched by a "hoax conspiracy" of railroad workers.

UFO advocates Jerome Clark and Lucius Farish have suggested that to understand precisely what happened in the 1890s airship flap "would require volumes of complicated analyses" (UFO Report, October 1980, page 78). As the Great Airship Mystery demonstrates, all that is needed are careful study and critical thought. This book reflects both. Highly recommended.